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PHONES ARE RINGING The Body of Christ Responds

Bridge of Hope Dear Friends,

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Across the country, local churches are hearing every day from families in need. Many of these are women who are [single and facing homelessness alone with their dependent children](#).

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On March 9th in Bartholomew County, Indiana, **Christians came together** to consider how they might respond. After hearing about the [Bridge of Hope model](#), **12 people from five churches stepped forward** to explore local need and seek support for starting a Bridge of Hope there. Working together, they want to offer homeless families concrete help - temporary rental assistance, budgeting and a good job - plus circles of mentoring friends from local churches who will cheer them on all along the way.

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[Together we can end and prevent homelessness, one church and one family at a time.](#)

[A Strong Desire to Survive](#)

What's new?

At the beginning of 2010, *Pamela turned to her pastor for help. [<Read more...>](#)

- **On March 24th, Bridge of Hope National provided initial training for five new staff members from four affiliates in four states!** They traveled here from [Bridge of Hope Burlington County \(New Jersey\)](#), [Bridge of Hope BuxMont \(Pa.\)](#), Bridge of Hope North Central Iowa (Iowa) and [Bridge of Hope St. Joseph's County \(Indiana\)](#). We rejoice with these affiliates who have reached a big milestone - hiring staff to serve families in their communities!
- **[Why is Bridge of Hope Christian faith-based?](#)** - Read a bit of the history of Bridge of Hope and learn why we focus on ending and preventing homelessness for women and children by calling churches from a wide variety of Christian faith traditions to work together to respond to homelessness in their community.
- **Check out this [original Berenstain Bears artwork](#)** donated by Mike and Jan Berenstain for our May 13 Gala Luncheon. Created by Stan and Jan Berenstain and recently signed by Jan, the piece is valued at \$800. If you can't attend the Gala but want to bid on this original artwork, contact mindyf@bridgeofhopeinc.org. Thanks to Mike and Jan for their generous gift and desire to end homelessness for women and children.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edith Yoder". The signature is written in black ink and is centered below the word "Blessings,".

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